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House Bill 5278 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Steve Bieda

House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Dog Law to require that dog owners be given information about microchip implantation and registration, and a statewide tattoo identification registry, when a dog license was issued.

Specifically, the bill would require a county, city, or township treasurer, a city clerk, or the authorized agent of a city or township treasurer, including a licensed veterinarian, an animal control shelter, or an animal protection shelter, when issuing a dog license, to give the dog owner information about both of the following:

- The availability of microchip implantation and registration for dogs by a licensed veterinarian, an animal control shelter, or an animal protection shelter.
- The availability of a statewide tattoo identification registry for dogs maintained by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Proposed MCL 287.274a

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill potentially would increase local unit expenses, depending on the cost of providing the information specified by the bill. The bill also could increase local unit revenue, to the extent that more individuals used microchip implantation as a result of the information required by the bill. The net effect of these changes is unknown.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government.

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